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### GERMANY ASKS UNITED STATES TO BE LENIENT

BELIEVES THIS COURT  
SHOULD TAKE NO HASTY  
ACTION IN RELATION TO SUB-  
SINE WAR ON MERCHANT SH.

### WILLING TO CHANGE PLANS

Latest Note From Berlin Says That if  
England Will Agree to Abide by  
Present International Law Germany  
Will do Likewise—Refer to Long  
Friendship.

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The memorandum, which was  
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today, after reviewing alleged facts  
which have been reported to the  
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John W. Stayton, Managing Editor  
Corpus Christi Caller,  
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Ham's sermon against prohibition mentioned in your wire was preached in Belton  
1912 as printed in Temple Telegram of November 10, 1915 and Belton Journal of  
November 11, 1915 and was never denied or questioned in Bell County.

- SIGNED:
- Neal Bassell, Mayor of Belton.
  - Chas. W. Pyle, business manager, Belton Journal.
  - F. G. Flewelling, city secretary.
  - A. B. Crain, physician.
  - Joe B. Ferguson, Contractor.
  - W. K. Moser, real estate.
  - George W. Tyler, attorney.
  - A. G. Vick, ex-tax collector.
  - C. Freeman, druggist.
  - Mack McCorcle, city marshal.
  - R. E. Ferguson, merchant.
  - James B. Hubbard, attorney.
  - M. H. McElhannon, physician.
  - Y. P. Yarbrough, manager, Belton Mill and Grain Company.
  - A. B. Hammersmith, merchant.
  - M. W. Taylor, contractor.
  - W. A. Messer, constable.
  - C. S. Jackson, druggist.
  - R. H. Denman, merchant.
  - R. M. V. Smith, manager, Belton Oil Mill.

### TWO AMERICANS REPORTED MURDERED BY PANGHO VILLA

WIFE AND SON OF ONE VICTIM  
SAID TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED  
OFF BY BANDITS

### NEWS IS NOT CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, March 8.—No confirmation has been received here of the reports that Pangho Villa had killed two American missionaries in the Philippines. Reports from all sources indicate that Villa's wife and son had been captured away by him.

### KURDS MASSACRED ERZERUM ARMENIANS

OF FORTY THOUSAND IN THE  
CITY RUSSIAN FOUND BUT  
SIXTEEN SURVIVORS

ERZERUM, Mar. 8.—(Special Indication) Erzerum, Mar. 8.—The Russian army has captured the city of Erzerum and has massacred the Kurds. Only sixteen Armenians were found in the city.

### 10 Pages Today

### TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Local forecast for today:  
Fair and warmer; light to moderate easterly to southerly winds.

At the Theatres:  
Alamo—Mats. Theatrical in John Lawler's classic "Madame Butterfly" a dramatic production.  
Lobby—Blaine Terrell and Alfred J. Smith in "Society Waives" a five reel feature.  
Hobby—A three reel show "A Recalling Vendetta" and "Barrowed Partners."  
Ideal—"The Black Hole of Gibraltar" an episode of the Singapore series; also two one reel comedies.

Today's Local Calendar:  
Weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club, Sorens Hotel, today at 12:45 o'clock.  
Baby Week exhibit, store-room around front of the City Hall.  
Anti-prohibition rally, Artesian Park tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Speakers being prominent business men of Sorens county.  
Will D. Coshaw of Georgetown, will speak for the prohibitionists at 7:30 o'clock.

### Three State Employees Accused of Misapplying Funds of the State

AUSTIN, March 8.—Seven indictments were returned by the Travis county grand jury tonight involving misapplication of State funds.

One indictment charges Karl L. Druessow of Harris county on three counts with the misapplication of public funds on or about May 1, 1913, amounting to \$7,611.79; second indictment charges amount involved to be \$29,759.34 on or about May 1, 1914; third indictment charges \$8,810.38 misapplied on or about May 1, 1915.

Three additional indictments were returned against C. C. Quillan, former chief bookkeeper in the Comptroller's department involving the misapplication of these funds. Quillan has already been indicted on other counts of the same nature. One indictment was returned against L. B. Smilie of the Comptroller's department involving failure to make returns on \$29,759.34 about May 1, 1914.

These indictments are the forerunners of many others anticipated in the tax department records of the State and in many counties. Investigations are being made of tax records throughout the State. Smilie and Quillan have given bond.

### FUNDS FOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN SET ASIDE

Commercial Club to Assist the South Texas Summer Normal, Appropriating \$450 for Advertising

An appropriation of \$450 for the purpose of advertising the fourteenth annual session of the South Texas Summer Normal, to be held in Corpus Christi for this week starting May 20 was last night made by Commercial Club directors who, met in weekly session. The publicity campaign is to be made under the direction of Nat. Henson, chairman of the Educational Committee. The normal faculty has already been selected. Alex. Tade of Bishop being conductor.

### SEARCHLIGHTS USED ON GERMAN AIRCRAFT FRENCH INVENTION

RED TAPE SO FAR HAVE PRE-  
VENTED FRENCH UTILIZING  
THE SAME SYSTEM

PARIS, March 8.—French scientists are claiming that the intensely powerful searchlight now used on the German Zeppelins is the invention of a Frenchman, Monsieur Dussaud, who described the new lighting system to the Academy of Sciences four years ago but it appears not to have been put into use by the French forces merely because of red tape delay. The invention is called "Cold light" and it is said to realize an effective illumination power equal to 30 per cent of the initial energy, whereas in the ordinary lighting system 40 to 50 per cent of the energy is absorbed in heat.

### REAL ROMANCES OF WAR.

LONDON, March 8.—The wide publicity given to the finding of the wrecked Zeppelin L-19 recently by William Martin, the skipper of the Grimsby trawler, King Stephen, has had a remarkable sequel. Through the publication of the story of his experiences and his photographs, Martin discovered his only blood relative, a woman living in Birmingham, whom he had not seen or heard of for nineteen years. She wrote to him after reading the account and he replied with the result that brother and sister with their younger families were speedily reunited.

### BANDS OF ROBBERS MAKING LIFE ALMOST UNBEARABLE IN CHINA

BANDITS SWARM IN MANY SEC-  
TIONS, PARTICULARLY ALONG  
MONGOLIAN BORDER

### TOWNS AND CITIES LOOTED

PEKING, March 8.—Encouraged by the revolutionary movements in the South, robbers and bandits are making life almost unbearable in the Chinese cities near the border of Mongolia. In the provinces of Shensi and Shansi the American missionaries who are ordinarily unmolested.

A missionary resident at Hsichui, in Shensi province, writes that the robbers entered that city on the first of January and held it for several weeks. They robbed and then burned houses and shops. The mission was left undisturbed at first, but later the robbers appeared there, demanding money and goods, and carried off food to the value of several hundred dollars. Some of the missionaries and officials who had taken shelter in the mission were brutally treated, one of them having his tongue cut out, but the missionaries themselves were not attacked. When the government troops arrived, a battle ensued during which several shells fell in the missionary compounds.

When the government troops entered, even they continued the looting, until the commanding officers shot some of the offending soldiers. Meanwhile the robbers advanced to other villages.

### DOYLE OPENS OFFICE IN THE ALAMO CITY

G. F. A. for Frisco Line Begins to  
Put Reorganization Plans into  
Effect

SAN ANTONIO, March 8.—As a part of the reorganization plans of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico, better known as the Gulf Coast Line, Jake Doyle, the recently appointed general freight and passenger agent, has arrived in San Antonio to open offices in the Quaker building. The local headquarters will be in charge of J. B. Burns, with the title of traveling freight agent. Mr. Burns formerly was connected with the Frisco as soliciting freight agent.

Prior to the reorganization Mr. Doyle was city passenger and ticket agent for the Gulf Coast Line at Corpus Christi, but now, besides being general freight and passenger agent, as well, his headquarters will be at Kingsville.

Before going to the Frisco Mr. Doyle was agricultural commissioner for the Port of Belton prior to which time for many years he was manager of one of the largest hotels in Fort Worth.

J. V. Vandenburg of Victoria, H. Staples of Live Oak county, and H. A. Appel of San Antonio were among the Wednesday arrivals at the Nueces.

### GERMAN FLEET OF FIFTY WARSHIPS ESCORTED BY ZEPPELINS PUTS TO SEA

MIGHTY ARMADA THAT MAY INTEND TO CONTEST  
WITH ENGLAND FOR SUPREMACY OF THE SEAS,  
REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SIGHTED OFF THE  
COAST OF HOLLAND

### GREAT BATTLE OF VERDUN IS NOT YET DECIDED

Gains and Losses Recorded on Both Sides, With Germans  
Apparently Having a Trifle the Best of the Fighting—In  
The Woevre District and Upper Alsace French Make  
Considerable Gains.

LONDON, March 8.—Fifty large German warships, accompanied by armed trawlers, Zeppelins and submarines, have been sighted off the north coast of Holland, according to the captain of a steam trawler which arrived today at Ymuiden, Holland.

The threatened mine blockade of England by Germany already is in existence along the trade routes to Holland, according to naval officers. German submarines are reported to be engaged in laying anchored mines between the mouth of the Thames and the Galloway lightship. Many disasters have occurred in that neighborhood during the past month.

LONDON, March 8.—Fighting of great violence between French and German infantry has been in progress for twenty-four hours from Bethancourt to the Meuse, and east of the Meuse to the Douaumont region, along a battle front aggregating ten miles in length. Spirited artillery duels continue on the remainder of the Verdun front.

Northwest of Verdun Germans claim to have taken French positions four miles long and two miles deep with more than three thousand prisoners. The villages of Forge, Regenville and the Cumiers woods have fallen into German hands, but not without strong resistance on the part of the French.

The French have driven the Germans from recently captured positions in the Corbeaux wood. East of the Meuse Germans have recaptured Hardaumont redoubt, over which there has been much heavy fighting. In the Woevre district the French have forced outlying sections of Fresnes village, while in the Meuse hills French are counter-shelling German guns. The capture of trenches by the French in Upper Alsace and the destructive bombardment of German positions north of the Aisne and in the Argonne forest are told of by the French official statement issued tonight.

Sixteen French aeroplanes have dropped a large number of bombs on the Metz-Sablone station.

Russian warships are active in the Black Sea, bombarding Turkish coast towns. Russians report the capture of Riza, just east of Trebizond and in Persia have also captured Senha, north of Kernanshah.

### GERMANS AND AMERICANS CLASH

LONDON, March 8.—An Athens dispatch says there has been several brawls between Germans and American blue-jackets at Constantinople. As a result Americans now are rarely permitted to land and then only on condition that they not enter places frequented by Germans.

### ULTIMATUM IS GIVEN PORTUGAL

ZURICH, March 8.—German newspapers say that unless German ships seized by Portugal are released the Portugal minister to Germany will be handed his passports at noon Saturday.

### GERMAN EXCHANGE TOUCHES LOWEST POINT ON RECORD

THE MARK QUOTED YESTERDAY  
IN NEW YORK AT EIGHTY-  
CENTS

NEW YORK, March 8.—Hesitance from the market in Germany touched the lowest point in history today, the lowest quotation in history. International bankers are unable to explain the drop, because Germany has bought more than one hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of raw material in this country for delivery after the war, the purchases all having been made in the last six months.

### OKLAHOMA BANK ROBBED

TWO BANDITS LOCK FIVE MEN IN  
VAULT AND GET AWAY WITH  
\$5,000

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 8.—Two masked bandits this afternoon robbed the First National Bank at Vian, Oklahoma, of \$5,000 and escaped on horseback.

Two officers of the bank and three customers were locked in the vault. Posses are in pursuit of the robbers.

THE WEATHER.  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—For West Texas: Thursday and Friday fair.